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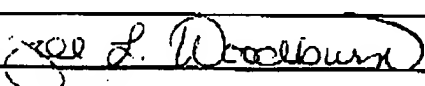
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

*INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS*

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004, entry of the amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.